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The following is an extract from La Verdad Medical-Social, a bimonthly publication of Mayaguez—

Number of deaths in district of Mayaguez during May, 1895, 125, including the following diseases: Dysentery, 17; paludism, 14; tuberculosis, 9; tetanus (neonatorum), 9; cerebral fever, 1.

Total number of deaths in June, 1895, including the following diseases, 132: Dysentery, 34; gastro-intestinal disease, 23; tuberculosis, 18; paludism, 10; meningitis, cerebro-spinal, 3; scrofula, 1; cerebral softening, 1.

Total number of deaths during August, 1895, including the following diseases, 137: Dysentery, 27; gastro-intestinal diseases, 27; paludism (6 pernicious cases), 16; yellow fever, 6.

Respectfully, yours, A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S. In Command.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Vital statistics of Mayaguez from January 1, 1893, to March 31, 1899.

Years.	Births.			Deaths.						
				Males.			Females.			Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Unmarried.	Married.	Widowers.	Unmarried.	Married.	Widows.	
1893	442	392	834	387	90	30	294	56	66	923
1894	428	463	891	496	80	37	468	57	93	1,231
1895	404	397	801	571	90	63	511	74	88	1,397
1896	419	386	805	561	83	42	426	56	75	1,243
1897	407	373	780	617	86	49	598	101	66	1,517
1898	351	311	662	600	97	65	476	64	116	1,418
1899	192	176	368	157	24	14	121	21	22	389
Total	2,643	2,498	5,141	3,389	550	300	2,894	429	526	8,118

Sanitary report from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *May 9, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following weekly report. Arrangements for disinfection here, as previously reported, consist of the autoclave, which was brought down with me, but I have practically no place to use it. I am depending on two methods, either to disinfect aboard ship, or to use the liquid formalin, sprinkled on clothing in a confined space; that is, in the box or trunk containing it.

I have made every effort to obtain some place to build a small disinfecting room, and have inspected a number of places without success. In attempting to locate such place, I have been met with refusal after refusal. Cardonas Island, which is now under the control of the Navy, can not be used, as the naval officer in charge will not consent. The collector of customs will not agree to allow me to construct such a place on the Government dock. The eastern shore of the harbor, the only available place left me, is now my only hope. I have tried to obtain a place here before, but as yet have not succeeded. My idea is to place some kind of barge here for this work, as I think it is in every way the best arrangement that could be made, and perhaps the only effective one at present. There are at the present time a number of ships arriving here from suspected or infected ports, carrying neither passengers nor cargo for this port, and desiring only to take cargo; this they do in quarantine. The passenger ships from doubtful places are few, but give an immense amount of trouble, because of the limited means at

my disposal. I always make a careful inquiry into the history of each passenger, and make an inspection of their baggage, disinfecting the same as far as possible.

The general health of Ponce, as reported in my last letter, is fairly good. There is, and always has been, a high rate of mortality, the only wonder being that, with the existing sanitary conditions, it has not been higher. The sanitary status of the place is very bad, and very little has been done to improve it, there being no money for this work at present.

I have had several conversations with the president of the board of health, who is making every effort to obtain the desired funds. The board is doing as much work as is possible without money, and is making well-directed movements along all lines to improve the city's condition, and if they only had the necessary funds, I believe much good would be done along needed lines. I inclose herewith a report from the city architect concerning the sanitary conditions, etc., of Ponce. This gentleman is quite capable and has experience, and I think his report is well worthy of consideration.

I also inclose mortality statistics for the month of April. I had some difficulty in reaching these, and I fear there may be one or two mistakes, but if so they are minor ones. I am astonished at the number of deaths from smallpox, knowing as I do that the disease has decreased steadily during the last four weeks, and that new cases are now rare. In the city, moreover, the disease is not of a severe type. It is not to be forgotten, however, that these statistics include not only Ponce, but also much of the district, and it is here that most of these deaths have occurred. The weekly report of infectious diseases in the city and port (a copy of which I inclose) will show the state of smallpox now.

Respectfully, yours,

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Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during month of April, taken from records in the office of the municipal judge.

[Inclosure.]

Causes.	Number.	Causes.	Number.	Causes.	Number.
Variola	22	Gastro-entiritis	1	Metritis	1
Tuberculosis, lungs	19	Bronchitis	1	Intestinal obstruction	1
Malarial fever	20	Purerperal fever	1	Cholera infantum	1
Anæmia	11	Scrofula	1	Valv. disease heart	4
Entero-colitis	17	Cirrhosis liver	3	Asystole	2
Enteritis, chronic	5	Hepato-splenitis	1	Erysipelas	1
Enteritis, acute	4	Pneumonia	3	Alcoholism	1
Cerebral congestion	1	Inanition	2	Hemorrhage	1
Influenza	1	Eclampsia	2	Burn	1
Convulsions	1	Dysentery	3	Cerebral sclerosis	1
Simple fever	1	Metro-peritonitis	3	Gunshot wound, head	1
Meningitis	5	Peritonitis	1	Insanity	1
Debility	3	Diarrhea, chronic	1		
Gastro-hepatitis	1	Tuberculosis of intestine	1	Total	153
Anasarca	2				